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### Idaho Potato Stocks Up 14 percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 96.5 million cwt, 11.5 million cwt more than on hand December 1, 2008. Disappearance, at 34.5 million cwt is up from last year's 31.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 5.60 million cwt, up from last year's 4.20 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 90.9 million cwt, were up from the 80.8 million cwt stored on December 1, 2008. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.16 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes during November, down 9.1 percent from November 2008. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 23.1 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes to December 1, up 3.3 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 18.3 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.81 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 265 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2009, up 9 percent from a year ago but slightly below December 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 69 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production. Potato disappearance, at 120 million cwt, was 5 percent below December 1, 2008 and down 9 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.1 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2008 but 1 percent below 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 60.9 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 12 percent from the same period last year and down 17 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 11.0 million cwt of the total processing, up 3 percent from last year but 14 percent below the same period in 2007.

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